TO: Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee

FROM: Tom Callow, City of Phoenix Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, December 6, 2007, 10:00 a.m. MAG Office, Suite 200, Saguaro Room 302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) will be held at the time and place noted above. Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.

Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee may attend **in person, via videoconference or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by videoconference must notify the MAG office three business days prior to the meeting. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call (602) 261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the date of the meeting. After the prompt, please enter the meeting ID number 6872 (MTRC) on the telephone keypad followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

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Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership or twelve people for the MAG TRC. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eric Anderson or Christina Hopes at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Draft October 25, 2007 Minutes
- 3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Review Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Review Committee requests an exception to this limit.

4. <u>Transportation Director's Report</u>

Recent transportation planning activities and upcoming agenda items for the MAG Management Committee will be reviewed by the Transportation Director.

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

- 2. Approve Draft minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting.
- 3. For information and discussion.

4. For information and discussion.

ITEMS TO BE HEARD

5. Proposition 400 Noise Mitigation Funds

On May 24, 2007, MAG issued a solicitation of projects to utilize the remaining \$20 million of noise mitigation funds that were part of Proposition 400. The purpose of the program is to address noise mitigation in residential areas where traffic noise substantially increased due to overall increases in traffic volume on the MAG Regional Freeway System. The original intent of the program was to mitigate noise in areas not eligible for noise mitigation through the normal Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) process, i.e., areas

5. Information, discussion, and possible action.

that are scheduled for roadway improvements through 2025. ADOT has completed a review of the requests and has determined that the requests for sound walls total about \$17 million. In addition, the City of Glendale has requested reimbursement of \$9.3 million for sound walls that Glendale paid for along Loop 101 which were completed during the 2000 to 2005 period. Please refer to Attachment One.

6. Programming of Projects for MAG Federal Funding in the 2009-2013 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) targets all future MAG Federal Funds to specific modes and, in some cases, identifies specific projects for the funds. For ITS, Bicycle, Pedestrian and Air Quality projects, the RTP identified funds, but did not specify individual projects. Requests for MAG Federal funds expected to be available for FY 2013 and FY2009 - ITS only - have been received and ranked by the modal technical advisory committees (TACs). The attached table contains a list of projects submitted and projects recommended by the Air Quality, Bicycle, Pedestrian and ITS TACs. The TRC is expected to recommend a list of priority projects to receive MAG Federal funding for the respective federal years. Details are provided in Attachment Two.

7. <u>Project Changes – Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program</u>

The FY 2008-2012 TIP was approved by Regional Council on July 25, 2007. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The projects for the proposed amendment to the FY2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table A and the changes for administrative modification to the FY2008-2012 TIP are listed in Table B. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt

 For information, discussion, and possible action to recommend a list of projects to be added to the FY2009-2013 MAG Federally Funded program.

7. For information, discussion and possible recommendation to approve an Amendment and an Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program as shown in the attached tables.

from conformity determinations. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. Details are provided in Attachment Three.

8. <u>Status of Local Sponsored Federal Funded Projects</u>

MAG Staff will provide member agencies with an update on the status of locally sponsored federally funded projects for FY08 and FY09. Materials will be presented and disseminated at the meeting.

9. MAG Occupancy Study Presentation

MAG recently completed a region-wide auto occupancy and classification survey. The collected data provides important insight into developing travel trends and current utilization of regional road infrastructure. Auto occupancy rates were developed for different types of road facilities, area types and time periods. The auto occupancy study revealed existing HOV violation rates and lane efficiency. The key findings of the survey will be presented. Attachment Four contains related presentation related materials.

10. <u>Transportation Review Committee 2008</u> <u>Meeting Schedule</u>

A tentative schedule of TRC Committee meetings is provided in Attachment Five.

11. Member Agency Update

This section of the Agenda will provide Committee members with an opportunity to share information regarding a variety of transportation-related issues within their respective communities. 8. For information and discussion.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information, discussion, and approval of the TRC 2008 Meeting Schedule.

11. For information and discussion.

12. Next Meeting Date

Pending approval of the 2008 TRC Meeting Schedule, the next regular TRC meeting will be scheduled Thursday, January 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the MAG Office, Saguaro Room.

12. For information and discussion.